



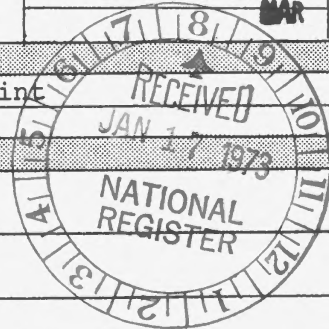
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End view, on North Peters Street (Mississippi River side)

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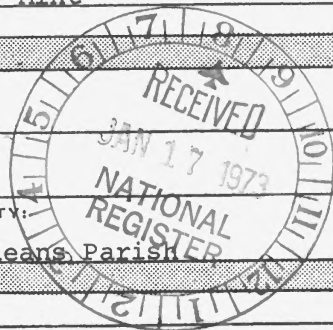
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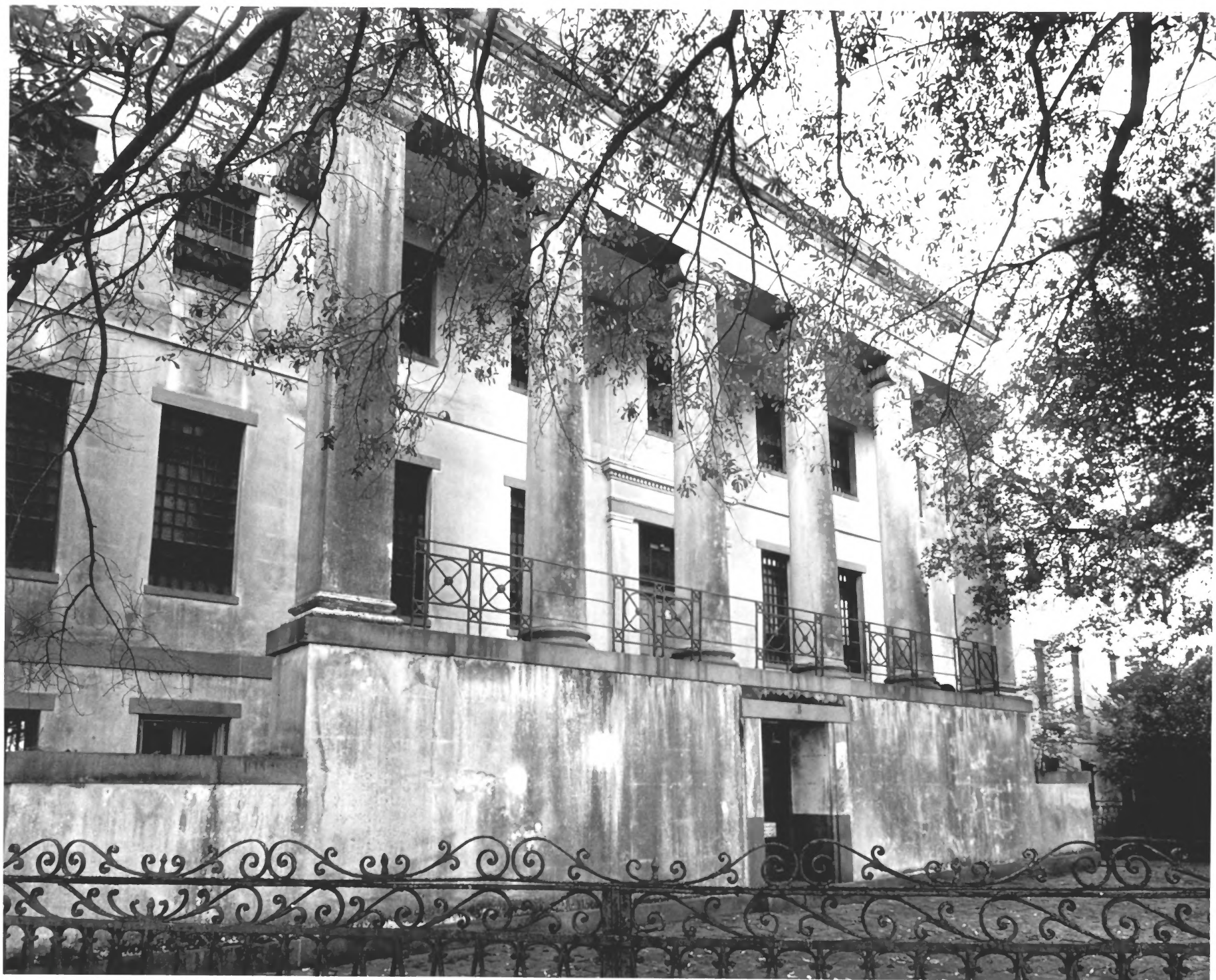
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Rear view facing Barracks Street and French Market area.			





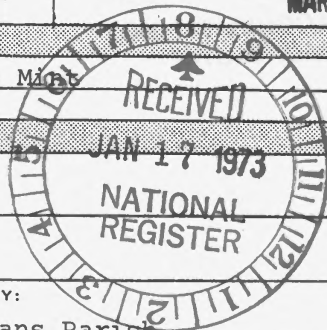
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Front View, facing Esplanade Avenue, showing detail of Ionic columns.			

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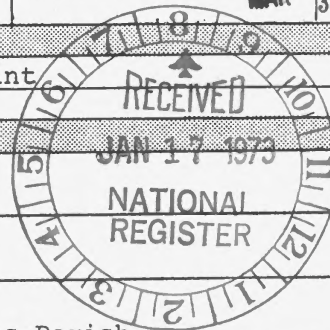
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OLD U.S. MINT, New Orleans, Louisiana, December 27, 1946, (PICTURE NO. 4)

View at the intersection of Esplanade Avenue and Decatur Street. Picture No 3, was made from the roof of the building shown on right center



United States Branch Mint, New Orleans, Louisiana. 1946 Photo by L.L. Martin for NPS

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OLD U.S.MINT, New Orleans, Louisiana, December 27, 1946. (PICTURE NO. 2)
View from tracks of the L.& N. RR, looking across North Peters Street at corner of Esplanade Avenue. Cell blocks in three tiers occupy the 2nd. & 3rd. floors from the central end door and window to the left. With the exception of the barred windows there are no visible changes in the structure, on the exterior, since its use as a mint. Photograph on file made in 1909 from the same point is almost identical as condition of streets and shrubbery are the only differences.



United States Branch Mint, New Orleans, Louisiana. Front facade, central portico, 1946.
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OLD U.S.MINT, New Orleans, Louisiana, December 27, 1946, (PICTURE NO. 1)

View of the central portion of the mint from across Esplanade Avenue. 1st. floor is called a basement in the plans and has a ceiling height of 11 feet. Access to this floor is from the ground level central door. Access to the 2nd, or main floor is by double steps parallel to the building, meeting over the basement door on a small porch. The main door opens into the hallway shown in Picture No. 6. William Munford was hanged from a gibbet projecting from the peristyle just under the flagstaff (see narrative report). Fence is the original and the bars at the windows are the only change.



OLD U.S. MINT, New Orleans, Louisiana, December 27, 1946 (PICTURE NO. 3)

View of the rear of the mint from the top of the roof of a building across Barracks Streets. A portion of the Mississippi River can be seen in distance on the extreme right center. The brick walls were added by the Bureau of Prisons. The sheds and supplies belong to the Coast Guard which now uses the structure. The guarded porches and the barred windows are the only changes in the structure



United States Branch Mint, New Orleans--Rolling Room Principal Level.

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United States Branch Mint, New Orleans--Counting and Coining Room, Principal level. NPS Photo 1974



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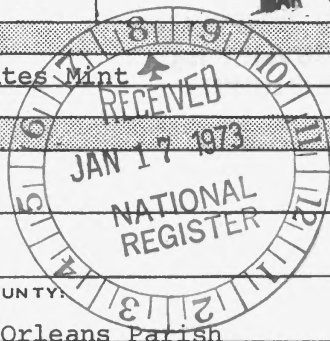
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Interior view of building, showing one of two identical areas on main floor (second level).			





United States Branch Mint, New Orleans, Louisiana. Interior stairs, 1946.
Photo by L. L. Martin for NPS

OLD U.S. MINT, New Orleans, Louisiana, Dec. 27, 1946 (PICTURE NO 6)
View of portion main hall, on main floor, (second floor) showing stairway on left.
Stairway on right is identical. Ceiling height of this floor is 16 feet - height of floor
just above is 14 feet. Small 1-ton elevator also serves building and is located near
stairs on the right.



OLD U.S.MINT, New Orleans, Louisiana, December 27, 1946 (PICTURE NO. 7)

View of enclosed porch connecting the central wing with the end wing on the North Peters Street side showing modification for prison use. Portion of the Mississippi River can be seen across the tracks by the warehouse. As this and the other pictures indicate the structure is in excellent condition.



OLD U.S. MINT, New Orleans, Louisiana, December 27, 1946 (PICTURE NO. 5)

View of the porch in front of the Cell Block on the 3rd. Floor wing, on the North Peters Street or River side. Refer to Picture No. 3 and this porch will be located on the right. The top of the 2nd. tier of cells extends to the 1st. cross bar of the windows. Each end wing has two porches like this along the cell blocks. These wings would have to be reconverted as three tiers of cells now occupy the former 2nd & 3rd floors. With the exception of the installation of prison fixtures, structure is basically the same as when built.



United States Branch Mint, New Orleans--Southeast Wing, showing galleries and recent jail. NPS Photo 1974